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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1732"

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action and it is respectfully submitted that this submission complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

IN THE BACKGROUND:

Please amend the paragraph at lines 16-28 of page 2 as follows: It is known to augment the holding power of hot melt adhesives by applying such adhesives to a groove in such a way as to form a mechanical as well as an adhesive bond between adjacent parts. For example, United States Patent number 3,635,117 issued to Nagao on January 18, 1972 discloses a method for fixing a woodwind instrument. The method includes the step of forming a groove in an outer surface of the instrument and a

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